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COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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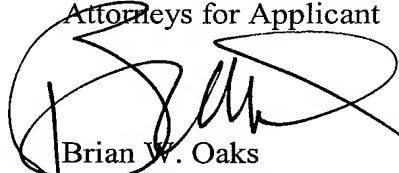
Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.322**

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued in accordance with the enclosed Form PTO-1050. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee under 37 CFR § 1.20(a) of \$100.00 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

It is respectfully submitted that significant errors are present in the printed patent, that correction thereof in accordance with the enclosed Form PTO-1050 is required in order that no misunderstanding will occur.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 5, Line 16, after "between node" delete "n4" and insert --n<sub>4</sub>--.  
Column 6, Line 23, after "port" delete "112" and insert --11<sub>2</sub>--.

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